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KC MAN SENTENCED IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Johnny Guess, 26, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to four years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On April 8, 2005, **Guess** pleaded guilty to his role in the crack cocaine conspiracy. By pleading guilty, **Guess** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2004.

Guess is the first of two co-defendants to be sentenced in this case.

On April 20, 2005, **Reuben Boone**, 33, of Kansas City, also pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and agreed to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the conspiracy, including \$3,940. **Boone's** sentencing hearing is set for Aug. 23, 2005.

Under federal law, Graves explained, **Boone** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

Guess and **Boone** were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 14, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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